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SUBJECT: EASTER VISITS TO DETAINEES

REF: ADDIS 0432 AND 0196

1. AS OCCURRED DURING ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (JANUARY 7), EPMG ALLOWED RELATIVES, AND THIS TIME FRIENDS ALSO, TO VISIT DETAINEES IN MENELIK PALACE AND FOURTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS DURING ETHIOPIAN EASTER. VISITS TO PALACE AND FOURTH DIVISION WERE PERMITTED ON MAY 3 AND 4, RESPECTIVELY. RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF DETAINEES HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT DETAINEES ARE BEING WELL-TREATED. SEVERAL VISITORS TO PALACE ALSO REPORT THAT GUARDS ALLOWED THEM TO SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH DETAINEES.

2. EMPEROR'S DAUGHTER, PRINCESS TENAGNE WORQ, AND GRANDDAUGHTER, PRINCESS SEBLA DESTA, WERE VISITED BY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO REPORTED THEM TO BE IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS COULD BE EXPECTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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3. COMMENT: PMAC'S PERMISSION OF VISITS TO DETAINEES AS WELL AS THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE CURFEW NIGHT OF MAY 3-4, WHEN EARLY MORNING ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICES TAKE PLACE, WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT PMAC FEELS IT HAS LITTLE TO FEAR FROM SLIGHT RELAXATION OF LOCAL SECURITY CONTROLS.
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